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SUBJECT: BOURGUIBA VISIT

FONMIN CHATTI MET WITH EASUM IN NEW YORK ON APRIL 17 AND EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT DELAY IN GETTING A FIRM DATE FOR BOURGUIBA VISIT. CHATTI SAID THAT GOT'S PREFERRED DATE REMAINED JUNE 5, THUS PERMITTING A COUPLE OF DAYS IN CANADA, THEN PROCEEDING TO PEKING AFTER THE WASHINGTON VISIT. EASUM RESPONDED THAT WE WERE INDEED STILL PLANNING ON THE BASIS OF A VISIT "AROUND THE FOURTH". HOWEVER, THERE WAS SOME POSSIBILITY THE PRESIDENT MIGHT BE TRAVELING AT ABOUT THAT TIME, IN WHICH CASE ALTERNATIVE DATES FOR THE VISIT WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE. CHATTI SAID HE UNDERSTOOD AND WOULD INFORM HIS PRESIDENT ACCORDINGLY, SAYING HE HAD READ ABOUT A POSSIBLE NIXON VISIT TO MOSCOW AND EUROPE. EASUM THEN ASKED ON "PURELY PERSONAL BASIS" WHETHER IT MIGHT BE FEASIBLE FOR BOURGUIBA TO COME HERE AFTER HIS TRIP TO CHINA RATHER THAN BEFORE. CHATTI REPLIED THAT SUGGESTION SEEMED QUITE POSSIBLE, AND EASUM PROMISED TO LET HIM KNOW AS SOON AS WE HAVE

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